

Joint Statement
by
**the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania Mr. Petras Vaitiekūnas and
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on cooperation in implementing EU- Ukraine Action Plan**

Recalling the Joint Declaration by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Lithuania and Ukraine of December 23, 2005, Ministers emphasize the importance of the efficient implementation of the EU- Ukraine Action Plan, which offers the possibility of advancing to a new quality the contractual relationship between the European Union and Ukraine, and allow to promote close partnership between the Republic of Lithuania and Ukraine, attaching significant importance to the assistance in the implementation of Ukraine's aspirations in the field of European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

Ministers appreciate the successful start of cooperation between Lithuania and Ukraine aimed at implementation of EU - Ukraine Action Plan this year, namely, the 2nd Meeting of Lithuania-Ukraine Standing Commission on European Integration which launched 5 joint cooperation projects in the spheres of Customs, Veterinary control and Taxes. Ministers welcome the increasing contacts and interaction between line ministries and other governmental bodies of the two countries, which are key to the success of these projects.

Considering the positive experience gained so far, the ministers agree to further promote the relationship between the institutions of Lithuania and Ukraine and to develop close interaction in the field of European Integration. In order to achieve the set goals the Ministers agree to further engage in mutual co-operation and focus in 2007 on other relevant fields of activity such as social development, public procurement, insurance, agriculture and justice. The list of draft projects is attached in the annex.



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№	Measure	Responsible institutions
1.	Sharing Lithuanian experience in the sphere of overall social dialog model	Ministry of Social security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Ukraine
2.	Sharing Lithuanian experience regarding Three-parties councils' consultations on coordination of social dialogue positions in social and labour sphere and the implementation mechanism of reached agreements	Ministry of Social security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Ukraine
3.	Sharing of Lithuanian experience regarding improvement of labour force qualification	Ministry of Social security and Labour of the Republic of Lithuania Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Ukraine
4.	Organisation of a seminar in the sphere of improvement of rural infrastructure	Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania Ministry of Agricultural Policy of Ukraine
5.	Organisation of a seminar in the sphere of professional education of farmers	Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania Ministry of Agricultural Policy of Ukraine
6.	Organisation of a seminar in the sphere of Lithuanian experience adjusting public procurement legislation to the EU standards	Lithuanian Public Procurement Office Antimonopoly committee of Ukraine
7.	Training and study visit to Lithuanian Public Procurement Office with a view to getting acquainted with implementation of electronic public procurement system	Lithuanian Public Procurement Office Antimonopoly committee of Ukraine
8.	Bilateral consultations on the adjustments of national insurance legislation to the EU standards	Insurance Supervisory Commission of the Republic of Lithuania Governmental Commission of regulation of the finance service market of Ukraine
9.	Training and study programs in the sphere of harmonisations of insurance market regulation systems with the international standards	Insurance Supervisory Commission of the Republic of Lithuania Governmental Commission of regulation of the finance service market of Ukraine
10.	Sharing Lithuanian experience in the sphere of ratification and implementation of Rome statute concerning International criminal court	Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania Ministry of Justice of Ukraine